

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE MEMORY OF TRACIE ALEXANDER GOLDEN

HON. RASHIDA TLAI

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Ms. TLAI. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Tracie Alexander Golden, a mother, wife, tireless community advocate, healthcare provider, and fearless SEIU Union leader from Michigan's 12th District Strong as our community mourns her recent passing.

Tracie was a respiratory therapist who dedicated her life to helping people with severe health issues. As she spent countless hours at the hospital, working long shifts and saving lives, Tracie never once complained about the toll it took on her own health. She truly believed that her calling was to serve others, and she did so with a heart full of love and empathy. She was a selfless and compassionate woman who always put the needs of her patients and her family before her own.

Tracie's advocacy, impact and care for others was profound not only amongst her family and loved ones but also towards her patients and community. Tracie's acts of service were boundless, and she never shied away from showing up for others. Her passionate and caring spirit will no doubt live on through her family and those that she served and those that she cared for at Sinai Grace Hospital.

Tracie's sudden and tragic passing is truly a loss to our district and community. Her memory will forever be preserved in the work she led for others and the commitment she showed in service.

Please join me in honoring the life of Ms. Tracie Alexander Golden and extending our deepest condolences to the Golden family on her tragic loss. The 12th Congressional District honors her life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING MRS. SHAWNA CRIST AS THE OKALOOSA COUNTY EDUCATION SUPPORT EM- PLOYEE OF THE YEAR

HON. MATT GAETZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. GAETZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Mrs. Shawna Crist as the Okaloosa County Education Support Employee of the Year. Plew Elementary School is lucky to have someone like Mrs. Crist who serves the school with passion and an unwavering commitment to its success.

Mrs. Crist spent 13 years as an excellent teacher before working in education support. Her accomplishments include being selected as the Baker School Teacher of the Year in 1990 and the Teacher of the Year for Bluewater Elementary and Okaloosa County in 1994. After her teaching career, she became

a full-time volunteer at Plew Elementary where she received the 2012 Senior Adult Volunteer of the Year Award.

Mrs. Crist is currently the Media Assistant for Plew Elementary, where she enjoys working to share ideas with others throughout Okaloosa County that promote the school and its students. She constantly strives to be the best and provide the best as well. I applaud her for her unwavering commitment to serving the students of Okaloosa County.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize Mrs. Crist for her many accomplishments and her commitment to excellence and professionalism in the Okaloosa County School District. I thank her for her service and wish her all the best for her continued success.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. HUDSON. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and missed a vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 85, and NAY on Roll Call No. 62.

OPPOSING CONSERVATIVE CENSORSHIP

HON. GUY RESCIENTHALER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. RESCIENTHALER. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep concerns regarding big technology companies' ongoing efforts to silence conservatives on media platforms. In the wake of the 2020 New York Post's Hunter Biden Laptop story censored by social media platforms and news stations, Americans saw firsthand the government and media collaborating to silence the truth to influence a presidential election. As a pillar of the U.S. Constitution, free speech is critical to our civil discourse, and denying viewers access to a wide array of news opinions and stories is a dangerous precedent.

Further, I am deeply troubled on February 22, 2021, some Democrat members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee used their power to push for censorship of television networks like Newsmax, Fox News, and One America News Network. This was a blatant attempt by Democrats to silence conservatives and push their thumb to influence free speech and the upcoming midterm election.

I believe all voices and political views should be fairly represented and accessible so my constituents can access a wide variety of content. That is why, on January 20, 2023, I wrote to DirecTV's Chief Executive Officer, Mr.

William Morrow, regarding their contract negotiations with Newsmax to ensure both parties come to a solution. Sadly, last week, the contract between Newsmax and DirecTV expired. I urge both parties to return to the negotiating table, so Pennsylvanians do not lose access to this vital cable news channel.

Mr. Speaker, this dangerous trend and bias towards conservatives can no longer last in the public sphere. Television providers like DirecTV are uniquely positioned to ensure fair consideration in programming distributions regardless of political affiliations.

HONORING MR. BARRY FISHER'S OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS IN AGRICULTURAL CONSERVA- TION EFFORTS

HON. JAMES R. BAIRD

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my friend and this year's Certified Crop Adviser Conservationist of the Year award recipient, Barry Fisher. A French Lick, Indiana native, Barry's love for agriculture began at a young age on his family's farm. Upon graduation from Western Kentucky University in 1983, Barry began his Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) career serving in locales across Indiana where he acted as a soil conservationist in Southeast Indiana, an area agronomist for West Central Indiana, and a State Soil Health Specialist.

In 2015, Barry was one of the original members of the NRCS National Soil Health Division and was instrumental in delivering soil health training to the agency's staff across the nation. As the first Central Region leader of the newly formed Soil Health Division, he carried out one of the most successful training and outreach campaigns the United States Department of Agriculture has ever known, hosting events with tens of thousands in attendance and driving millions to web-based resources.

Since his retirement from NRCS in 2020, Fisher established Fisher Soil Health, a consulting service that provides training on advanced soil health management systems. He also continues to serve as an expert speaker and trainer, promoting the adoption of soil health practices to farmers and conservation staff.

Based on the 2022 Conservation Transect data, over two-thirds of Indiana's row crop acres are undisturbed through fall and winter months, and 1,600,000 of those acres are seeded to green living cover during those months—only 12.5 percent of those cover crop acres were seeded with financial program assistance. When the transect began measuring green living cover in 2011, there were about 184,000 acres. The increase in those covered acres can be attributed, in part, to Fisher's tireless efforts to promote and educate about cover crops and soil health.

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